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SUBJ: INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION--ENGLISH
LITERACY REQUIREMENT FOR U.S. CITIZENSHIP

REFERENCE: STATE 191781

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE TELEGRAM, THE EMBASSY HAS
OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE BOLIVIAN FOREIGN
OFFICE:

1. LOCAL LAW DOES NOT, REPEAT NOT IMPOSE REQUIREMENT
THAT THE PRIMARY LANGUAGE (SPANISH) BE LEARNED PRIOR TO
OR AFTER ADMISSION TO CITIZENSHIP, AS A CONDITION THEREOF.

A. THERE ARE NO REPEAT NO OTHER LAWS THAT ACHIEVE THE
SAME EFFECT.

2. EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO LEGISLATIVE PROHIBITION,
AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, CITIZENSHIP CAN BE OBTAINED IF THE
APPLICANT IS UNABLE TO READ OR SPEAK PRIMARY LANGUAGE
(SPANISH). NEVERTHELESS, THE PRINCIPAL REQUIREMENT FOR
NATURALIZATION IS THREE YEARS RESIDENCE IN BOLIVIA,
WHICH WOULD HELP THE APPLICANT DEVELOP A FLUENCY IN
SPANISH.

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